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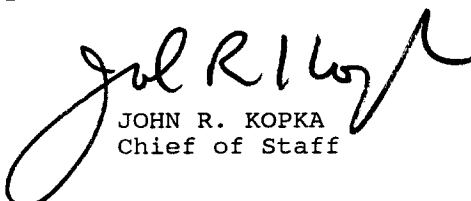
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BASE ORDER 1752.2C

From: Commanding General
To: Distribution List

Subj: MARRIAGE PREPARATION WORKSHOP

1. Purpose. To establish an educational workshop program to prepare military personnel and their prospective spouses for marriage.
2. Cancellation. Base Order 1752.2B.
3. Background. Of serious concern to the Marine Corps is the matter of service personnel entering marriage with little or no preparation for the complex task of building a stable marriage relationship. Marriage difficulties impact severely on service members and their families and undoubtedly contribute to problems in matters of job performance, discipline, retention, and morale. Accordingly, commanders have a responsibility to provide an opportunity for preparation for marriage.
4. General. In order to address this concern, a two day Marriage Preparation Workshop will be conducted at regular and frequent intervals at the Family Service Center, Building 14, times and dates to be announced by base bulletin. The Workshop will include interpersonal communications, medical, sexual, legal, and financial aspects of marriage, role adjustments, and religious concerns, through expert resources in these respective areas. Participants in the course will be expected to attend the entire two day period. Civilian attire is desired and authorized. Prospective spouses in the local area are encouraged to attend with the service member if possible. Service members and their spouses who are in their first two years of marriage are also encouraged to attend the Workshop. Dependents who are approaching marriage and their prospective spouses are also invited to attend by prior arrangement through the service sponsor.
5. Action
 - a. Director, Human Services. Implement, coordinate, and provide logistic support for the Marriage Preparation Workshop.
 - b. Base Command Chaplain. Provide chaplains as instructors for the required classes, as requested by the Director, Human Services.
 - c. Commanding Officers. Insofar as feasible, afford personnel in their commands who are contemplating marriage, or who are in their first two years of marriage, the opportunity to attend a Marriage Preparation Workshop.
6. Concurrence. This Order has been coordinated with and concurred in by the Commanding Generals, II Marine Expeditionary Force, FMF; 2d Marine Division, FMF; and 2d Force Service Support Group, FMF.


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